From qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Sat Mar 9 22:30:58 1996
From: dedinger@ix.netcom.com (Dennis Edinger)
Subject: [5454] +12v DC Inverter???
Message-ID: <199603092041.MAA00656@ix2.ix.netcom.com>

Recently I asked about a conversion for my Atlas 210X to qrp so I could go below 5 watts to QRPp. I got a bunch of mail from all over the world from Atlas owners wanting to do the same thing, but no solutions.

Clearly the one that will work is the standard 100k ohm pot in series with the ALC (negative ground reference) using a 9v battery.

I was talking with another ham WB0BBE (Skip) about this and indicated I didn't want the bulk of a 9v battery, but instead wanted to use the +12v also available on the aux plug. He thought that somewhere he heard of a solid state low amp inverter that might help in doing the job, but he didn't have a reference for it.

I would like to build the entire unit so it can plug in and be removed as needed. Would any of you guys have a reference to such an inverter, or for that matter an entire schematic? (The ALC reference voltage is about -4.5v as I recall).

There are a bunch of Atlas owners from Germany to Australia who would like to know.

72,

de Dennis
NT0L

From qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Sat Mar 9 22:30:58 1996
From: Jack Bryant <Jack.Bryant@math.tamu.edu>
Subject: [5449] 160 beacon
Message-ID: <199603091736.LAA18489@fourier.math.tamu.edu>

Hi gang,

Next Saturday (local, Sunday morning UTC) I will run a beacon on 160 at 1 watt on 1825 kHz from 0100 until 1300 UTC (7 pm to 7 am CST). I'll send ONE WATT <4 letter code word> DE W5TFB/B at about 13 WPM.

If anyone hears me and replies s/he will recieve some sort of certificate, not sure just what yet.

   72,

-Jack W5TFB

[Antenna: 400 foot wire at 50' high fed at one end with 45' vertical wire. NEC says it has slight directivity to NE, probably not significant, and about equal vert and horiz polarization.]

From qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Sat Mar 9 22:30:58 1996
From: Jack Bryant <Jack.Bryant@math.tamu.edu>
Subject: [5451] 160 beacon
Message-ID: <199603091741.LAA18689@fourier.math.tamu.edu>

That is the weekend on Match 16, not today.

From qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Sat Mar 9 22:30:58 1996
From: rossi@VFL.Paramax.COM (Pete Rossi)
Subject: [5463] BEACON REPORTS
Message-ID: <9603100009.AA01196@gvlf6-a>

I got a little behind in the beacon reports. My mail system was down most of the day for monthly backups. The reports are really piling up. I will try to respond directly to as many as I can...

Sounds like in generally it is going pretty well. 1 or 2 reports of the correct codeword at 630 mW ... plus a few wrong guesses :-)

Glad it is working. Keep at it. I will keep reading..

73,

Pete Rossi - WA3NNA
rossi@vfl.paramax.com

From qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Sat Mar 9 22:30:58 1996
From: WJ4PRandy@aol.com
Subject: [5436] copied 80 mtr beacon
Message-ID: <960309000823_241425018@emout07.mail.aol.com>

At about 0450 utc I copied the wa3nna beacon.

Using a horizontal wire up about 30'
Paragon and 580 Delta both copied 2w beacon 559
At 200mw Paragon had it 449, 580 Delta 349
Lost it in noise at 20mw on both rigs.
Vertical antenna too noisy to copy below 2w , at 2w rst was
459.

73, Randy WJ4P near Charleston, SC

From qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Sat Mar 9 22:30:58 1996
From: wdzeares@ix.netcom.com (W. Dennis Zeares)
Subject: [5455] fair value for argo stuff
Message-ID: <199603092110.NAA04543@ix2.ix.netcom.com>

Once again I am asking the collective minds of the group to give me an
idea of fair market value for a 509, and the linear amp with power
supply, and a 515 with notch filter...

I was offered this stuff two years ago and I didn't buy it then because
he wanted me to make an offer and I had not idea of an honest price to
offer and I did not want to rip him off... and now its the same, I want
to offer honest prices... so any help would be appreciated.

72/73 Dennis K3ETS

From qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Sat Mar 9 22:30:58 1996
From: Wynn C C <wyn@stc06.ctd.ornl.gov>
Subject: [5460] Fox: Results of Wed. Hunt Corrected.
Message-ID: <Pine.OSF.3.91.960309183036.5931A-100000@stc06.ctd.ornl.gov>

Fox Hunt Results for the March 6 (UTC Mar 7) run with N4AOX

Time	Call	QTH	RST rcvd	RST sent	Name	Comments
0103	AK5B	TX	579	449	Bob	7.040 clear
0105	KK5RO	OK	579	559	Vernon	
0107	AB5AA	OK	559	559	Cliff	
0110	AB5QE	NM	229	559	Keith	
0122	K6VNX	CA	449	449	Arlen	
0124	AB5OU	NM	569	559	Tim	
0137	WB5QMP	ID	?	?	Randy	Very weak, sorry
0138	AK5B	TX	569	579	Bob	
0144	AA0XI	CO	459	559	Marshall	
0146	W6ZH	CA	449	559	Pete	

0149					XE took Freq, QSY to 7.041
0154	AB6DG	CA	229	449	John
0157	WB5IRI	TX	259	339	Doug
0202	KK5KX	TX	449	229	Dave
0205					QSY to 7.105
0220					Finally found a quiet spot on 7.1088, then was joined by a packet station??????
0243	KQ6AG	CA	229	559	Dennis
0255	WT7F	CA	339	559	Terry

Equip. at N4AOX - ARK 4 running 4.5 Watts into dipole at 35 ft.
CMOS II Keyer, 7 AH gelcel

From qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Sat Mar 9 22:30:58 1996
From: vhatley@usa.pipeline.com (Vernon Hatley)
Subject: [5457] FS: HW-8
Message-ID: <9603092201.AA11535@pipe7>

AB5UA, has decided to sell his HW-8. It is in very good condition, the only modification is a lighted dial. No scratches on the case. $140.
Email to me, as AB5UA has no email address.
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KK5RO OHR Explorer II
Vernon A. Hatley Ten Tec Century 21
QRP-L #325 Butternut Vertical

From qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Sat Mar 9 22:30:58 1996
From: vhatley@usa.pipeline.com (Vernon Hatley)
Subject: [5450] FS: Price reduced on T-T C21
Message-ID: <199603091736.RAA09058@pipe12.h1.usa.pipeline.com>

The price is down to $200 or make offer on the mint Century 21 with matching crystal calibrator. No Omni for me till I get rid of this one.
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KK5RO OHR Explorer II
Vernon A. Hatley Ten Tec Century 21
QRP-L #325 Butternut Vertical

From qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Sat Mar 9 22:30:58 1996
From: Bob Hirsch <bobh@p3.net>
Subject: [5467] headphones

Message-ID: <1.5.4b11.32.19960310011924.0068ec94@p3.net>

>Dick at OHR, has been trying to educate me on headphones, and I want
>to ask you if your experience has matched mine. I used to operate my
>OHR Explorer II with a set of Sony MDR-V6 headphones. I believe they
>are similar to your MDR-V200s. I found that with the V6s, I had to
>crank up the audio gain to about 3/4ths of full travel to have a
>reasonable level, and I also had lots of noise. Dick recommended that
>I try some true 8 ohm communication headphones. I bought a pair of
>Yaesu YH-55s, and found quite a difference. First, I only needed the
>audio gain control at about 1/4 turn for the same volume as the V6s
>with 3/4 turn. Second, I had much less noise. Dick says that this is
>because the V6s were designed for approx. 20-20,000 Hz, where all I
>really want to copy is a 700 Hz tone. By running the audio gain up
>that high, I am feeding the V6s with lots of higher frequency noise
>that I am not amplifying when I use the YH-55s, and the receiver
>therefore sounds quieter.
>
>Have you (or anyone else on the list) had anything close to a similar
>experience?
>
Yes, I've often advocated using headphones and/or speakers with a tight
frequency response. For CW the advantages are more obvious, but even in
SSB, more bandwidth than the human voice or the filters in your rig can
allow will only cause more noise. I like the Azden headphones, with or
without the boom mic, for this reason. The frequency response on them is
300 Hz - 5000 Hz. They are also a very nice cross between "over the ear and
block everything out" type and "on the ear and allow everything in" type.
About $50. No, I have no connection to the company. After using my Sony
MDRv6's, the Azden's are a much easier to less to with less fatigue.
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73 es CUL de KE3OB
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From qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Sat Mar 9 22:30:58 1996
From: scott.thomas@circellar.com
Subject: [5466] Help Needed
Message-ID: <9603092001.0S4CV00@circellar.com>

I've had a recurring problem with my TT 515. Intermittently, begining with a
soft click, the audio would become very strange; sometimes scratchy, sometimes
like someone blowing into a mic, sometimes tinny crackeling sounds. This
happens even without an antenna connected. A gentle rap on the side will end

it (with a soft click again).

In an effort to uncover the mystery, I took the top, bottom and sides off today. While doing so, it became very microphonic; any touch to the radio or even to the table caused a rumble in the audio. Several time I tightened things, reseated boards, and thought I had it licked -- couldn't make it happen until I completely reassembled it, then I could easily make it happen by shaking or rapping or gently twisting the chassy. It's very suspetable to the problem when upside down -- just turning it right side up often stops it. When its in the microphonic mode, recycling the power has no effect. Any ideas would be appreciated. I spent a lot of time poking and prodding with my fingers, but cannot seem to find a spot more sensative than others, nor the spot that triggers the problem. Didn't hear much of the "strange noises" today -- 99% microphonics today, but I think the two are related.

Scott.

From qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Sat Mar 9 22:30:58 1996
From: Jim.Nestor@EY.COM
Subject: [5447] I'm Back
Message-ID: <00145000025460580000004*@MHS>

Unsubscribed last Winter, but getting back into the swing of QRP in anticipation of the Spring and Summer contests and some camping trips. The remembrance of working Scotland from a campsite on Cape Breton Island with 700mw from my NN1G rig on 30 meters kept me warm through the winter. Worst wx in NJ ever. Snow and ice pretty well trashed most of my wire antennas... guess they were high enough.

Just ordered a NorCal 40A and specing out some new antennas while there are no leaves on the trees. Thinking about a Sierra after that.

Thinking about building a tiny antenna tuner like I saw in 73 magazine a couple months back. All I gotta do now if find some parts. Does anybody have a source for toroids like the T-68-6? I don't see RadioKit's ads anymore and wonder if their still in business. I sent a request to Amidon. Any other sources for QRP parts.

Ordered a subscription to HamBrew. Anybody here read it?

Found a couple of nice new batteries at Radio Shack. They have a 12V 4AH

gell cell for $25. I have a Power Station for the long hauls, so what appealed more to me (I bought 1) was the Camcorder battery for $29.99. It is 12V at 2AH, lead acid and pretty small. Should run my 40A and SWL-30 for days. Hafta solder on a couple of leads and a connector and build up a little LM-317T regulated charger for it. Will let you know how it works out.

73/72,

Jim, WK8G

From qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Sat Mar 9 22:30:58 1996
From: burdick@interval.com (Wayne Burdick)
Subject: [5469] KC1-ready front panel for NorCal '40A now available
Message-ID: <199603100056.QAA04780@interval.interval.com>

I recently completed a new variation on the front panel for the Wilderness Radio NorCal 40A. This panel is punched and silk-screened for the KC1, with all KC1 controls labelled as shown in the KC1 manual. The old panel is still the standard one shipped with the '40A, but you can order the new one if you want a more finished look for the KC1 installation. Wilderness Radio just received their first batch of the new panels.

>From now on, if you purchase a KC1 at the same time as the NorCal 40A, you can order the special-edition panel for an additional $6. If you purchased the '40A and/or KC1 already, you can still order the new panel; please call Bob Dyer, KD6VIO for price and delivery information. His number is 415-494-3806.

On another note, Bob's phone was out of commision for a day or so at the end of last week. If you tried to call and didn't get an answer, please try again.

73,
Wayne

From qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Sat Mar 9 22:30:58 1996
From: vhatley@usa.pipeline.com (Vernon Hatley)
Subject: [5468] Micro 20 & swap meet
Message-ID: <9603100214.AA14130@pipe7>

Great news folks, the Micro 20 lives at last. One of the members here had the same problem AB5UA and WJ5F were having. Come to find out there is a mistake in the magazine article; resistors R4 and R5 are in the wrong places. They switched these two and it worked just fine.

A big thanks to all who responded to their plea for help. It sure saved a lot of hair being pulled out.

On another note, I had the very pleasant opportunity to meet a few of you this weekend at a HAM swap meet in OKC. It is nice to be about to put a face on the call signs. Hope to see you all again in Tulsa and maybe meet a few more from this group also.

73/72
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KK5RO   OHR Explorer II
Vernon A. Hatley   Ten Tec Century 21
QRP-L #325   Butternut Vertical

From qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Sat Mar 9 22:30:58 1996
From: hankster@ix.netcom.com (William H. Perkins, Sr.)
Subject: [5440] Narrow CW filter for IC-745
Message-ID: <199603091206.EAA26698@ix2.ix.netcom.com>

I am looking for an FL-54, 270 Hz CW filter for IC-745. Tried AES, they're sold out. This is a discontinued item, sale price $39.95. Does anyone know where I can get one? Something else that will work?

Thanks,

Henry, AE4MX

From qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Sat Mar 9 22:30:58 1996
From: Paul Christensen <PaulC@jax.se.continental.com>
Subject: [5441] NEW BROWN BROTHERS BTL-A 4 TRADE
Message-ID: <3141C68E@se.continental.com>

Still looking for a trade on my new, mint, Brown Brothers BTL-A key.

Looking for pre-WWII Vibroplex bugs.

paulc@jax.se.continental.com

From qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Sat Mar 9 22:30:58 1996
From: brian.carling@acenet.com (Brian Carling)
Subject: [5452] New e-mail address
Message-ID: <2a6.73427.500@acenet.com>

Hi - Just to let you know that I have switched to a new, much more
reliable e-mail address, so I apologize for lost mail that you may have
sent to me in the past and that I never got due to occasional problems
at Acenet, BUT, you can now reach me reliably at:

Bry2@usa.pipeline.com

or if you are outside the USA, use:

Bry2@usa.pipeline.com.us

I would really appreciate hearing from you as often as you care to write
back. It's been a crazy winter here. We got a lot of SNOW again
yesterday and bitterly cold temperatures with driving wind that puts the
snow back onto the roads in piles! Some of you know I underwent a
kidney stone surgery last week, and had several trips to the hospital,
numerous expenses that we can't possibly meet. So please pray for us.
God has sustained us safe this far, and I am sure that He will not let
us down.

Best regards - Bry

 * SLMR 2.1a * Avoid traffic jams; leave work at noon.

From qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Sat Mar 9 22:30:58 1996
From: "William C. Robbins" <billrobb@serv01.net-link.net>
Subject: [5442] QRP/DX
Message-ID: <199603091507.KAA21973@serv01.net-link.net>

There seemed to be some interest in mixing QRP and DX. So heres some more
info on my quest to discover if life is too short, or, if this is a
left-over conspiracy from the old USSR days (commies).

I went at it again Thursday night. I am including a log below with all
successes and failures. No signal report means failure. The antennas are a

Hygain tri-bander with a 40 meter add-on and a Butternut vertical for 40/80 meters. The antennas are fairly good...I have worked 239 countries on 40 and 149 on 80. No tuner was used. The rig is a tuned down Omni 6. I'm not sure how accurate the wattmeter is and it my be some of the problem. Anyway, enough.

Station	Time	Power	His RST	My RST	Freq	
Thursday Night						
S51BO	0114	5W			7005.5	
	Son called from college to send money					
S51BO	0131	5			7005.5	
EA2ALN	0134	8			7011	
Friday Night						
R1FJZ	0050	9	599	599	7009.1	
HB9FAP	0105	7			7014.3	
OK2PAY	0113	7			7008.7	
OK2PAY	0114	9			7008.7	
F/OK1FWM	0115	9			7006.6	
YO3AWC	0117	9			7007.5	
F/OK1FWM	0121	9	599	599	7006.6	
C56CW	0126	9			7001.2	Pile up
F2MA	0129	9			7005.2	
HK1KYR	0152	9	579	559	7011	
Saturday						
OEM8SKQ	1229	5	579	599	14008.4	
GM3POI	1240	5			14011	
3V8AS	1246	5	599	599	14020	COOL
EW3CW	1247	5			14011.5	
G4BYG	1254	5			14011.6	
9L1PG	1256	5			14010	
UA3DDV	1306	5	579	559	14037	
UA4FLT	1310	5			14026.6	
EW3CW	1315	5			14011.5	

20 meters, as expected, is alot easier. Many of the stations I called were in some contest and didn't seem too pleased that I was calling.

By the way, my amplifier will put out about 130 watts with 5 watts in. Does that count!!?? (HI!)

Anyway, thats it. I am going to dink with it a little more. I have a QRP rig coming and an Altroid box sitting right here. We are also going to

Dayton and hope to meet some of the nice folks here.

Thanks for the comments and support.

Gud dx de Bill
William C. Robbins, WA8CDU ***Heathkit Collector***
billrobb@serv01.net-link.net

From qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Sat Mar 9 22:30:58 1996
From: Paul Christensen <PaulC@jax.se.continental.com>
Subject: [5448] Schurr Keys
Message-ID: <3141E9D5@se.continental.com>

David:

Thanks for the Schurr update. My only concern over the years
has been what looks like thin, "mushy" feeling plastic finger pieces.
The metal arms look fine, but perhaps you can enlighten me on
the rigidity of plastic/acrylic pieces. This was the sole reason
why I have avoided the Vibroplex Brass Racer, Kent, Bencher,
and some other keys.

I have yet to find anything that will replace the Vibroplex Iambic.
It's as close to the perfect key as I've yet found, but I would like
to see an alternative to the small return arm springs.

I tried the Mercury key, but unless, the contact spacing is
extremely small, the inverse-square law of the magnetics
become annoying. On the other hand, J.M. March has
recently introduced a key with magnetic REPULSION
rather than attraction. I must give this a try. Hopefully,
he'll have a demo setup at Dayton.

Ahhh... the elusive search for the "perfect" key. is there one?

-Paul, N9AZ

From qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Sat Mar 9 22:30:58 1996
From: wa5whn@ix.netcom.com (Jay Miller)
Subject: [5444] Sierras & NorCal 40's & QRP Field Days
Message-ID: <199603091523.HAA07517@ix7.ix.netcom.com>

My turn to muddy the water.

With all of the inquiries about the Sierras & NorCal 40's, there is one document that is being overlooked here, that I would highly recommend that You have, if You are serious about modifying & playing with either the NorCal 40 or Sierra. N6KR & crew had done a fantastic job, in designing either xcvr, but each one has it's own characteristics. Why are no 2 kits the same ? Something about probabilities & value tolerance functions. Anyway, I had purchased a "QRPp ; 1994-Volume II Issues: 1, 2, 3, 4 Journal of the NorCal QRP Club" published by Doug Hendricks, KI6DS, 862 Frank Ave., Dos Palos, Ca. 93620 for $15.00 . Guess what is in that volume ? Troubleshooting NorCal 40's & Sierras AND. how to increase power, change bands, and all kinds of mods, from the different People, with patience & wisdom, far beyond me, which is easy to do, since I am a Product of the New Mexico Socialist School System ;-) . Doug has a new Email address, which You can retrieve from a previous message, check with him & see if he has anymore of these documents left, and purchase one.

Is the water clear yet ? 8-)

OK, I am ready for the NorCal "QRP To The Field" on April 27, 1996. Thanks Paul NA5N for typing in the rules & Sept. 21 (Mark Your' Calendars) is the New England "QRP AField" event. In between those two is the ARRL Field Day (June 22 - 23). Did You send in Your' $5.00 to the ARRL for the Contest Booklet (Logs, rules, etc.) ?

72...Jay, WA5WHN

PS sniffle-sniffle, what happened to the QRP milli-watt Field Days from days past ?

From qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Sat Mar 9 22:30:58 1996
From: "John Kirk, VE6XT" <jakirk@freenet.calgary.ab.ca>
Subject: [5453] SSB QRP Kits
Message-ID: <Pine.A32.3.91.960309111631.23684B-100000@srv1.freenet.calgary.ab.ca>

Hi:
I'm new to the list, so please accept my apologies if this has already been discussed to death:
I'm contemplating building a SSB QRP rig, either from a kit or bare board. So far, I've uncovered:
Epiphyte
Cascade

VE7TX designs
Questions:
- Are there others?
- For those of you who have built any or all of the above, what are the pros & cons of each?
- For bare boards, are there any REALLY hard to get components?
Thanks in advance
John

From qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Sat Mar 9 22:30:58 1996
From: nf0r@slacc.com
Subject: [5464] Vibroplex Lightning Bug
Message-ID: <9603091802.D9617pg@slacc.com>

Wondering if our key collectors could give me some idea of what would be a fair price to offer for a Vibroplex Lightning Bug?

The bug is chrome plated and in excellent condition, all original parts including the red plastic knobs on the paddles and shorting arm. The serial number is in the 120,XXX range, which I understand indicates production immediately after the end of WWII. The original Vibroplex maker wedge and cord are included.

Comments, opinions, advice much appreciated and thanks in advance.

73 de Dave, NF0R   nf0r@slacc.com

From qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Sat Mar 9 22:30:58 1996
From: davander@niia.net
Subject: [5443] wa3nna beacon rpt
Message-ID: <199603091524.JAA22132@silver.niia.net>

was listening to wa3nna/b at 0300-0340z last night,

2 watts 599 (s9+2db at times)
200 mw 559 (altho up to s8 at times, still quite readable)
20 mw   239 (could still copy somewhat but noise level was high last night, s3)

amazing what a 2 watt signal sounds like...perfectly readable. come on, who needs kilowatts for everyday domestic contacts ... or dx for that matter. after monitoring the beacon for a while, i worked cuba then germany with rig turned down to 5 watts. equipment here is icom 751a (with preamp on for beacon test) and a 600 foot horizontal diamond loop up 35 feet fed with 300 ohm ladder line.

dan NA9N

From qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Sat Mar 9 22:30:58 1996
From: KFGlynn@aol.com
Subject: [5445] Want Small Straight Key
Message-ID: <960309113243_241642733@mail06.mail.aol.com>

Hello gang,

I'm looking for a small straight key for portable QRP work. Does anyone have one they'd like to sell? Or pehaps know of a vendor/dealer who has an inventory? I saw the Schurr in Tucker's catalog, but don't want to come near that price at this time.

Tnx

73 Kevin KB2TEO

From qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Sat Mar 9 22:30:58 1996
From: "John Kirk, VE6XT" <jakirk@freenet.calgary.ab.ca>
Subject: [5465] Re: +12v DC Inverter???
Message-ID: <Pine.A32.3.91.960309175154.24312A-100000@srv1.freenet.calgary.ab.ca>

Hi Dennis:
Any idea how much current you need?
John

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> There are a bunch of Atlas owners from Germany to Australia who would
> like to know.
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> 72,
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> de Dennis
> NT0L
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From qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Sat Mar 9 22:30:58 1996
From: Paul Christensen <PaulC@jax.se.continental.com>
Subject: [5456] RE: fair value for argo stuff
Message-ID: <31422A37@se.continental.com>

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>idea of fair market value for a 509, and the linear amp with power
>supply, and a 515 with notch filter...

Two years ago, I purchased a new, mint, 515 with matching xtal
calibrator, power supply, and variable notch/bandpass filter for
$300.00. My guess is that this is the low end of the $$$ spectrum
for the 515. I've seen them posted as high as $650.00.

 -Paul

From qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Sat Mar 9 22:30:58 1996
From: Clark Savage Turner WA3JPG <turner@safety.ICS.UCI.EDU>
Subject: [5459] Re: fair value for argo stuff
Message-ID: <6800.826413568@safety.ics.uci.edu>

Tough question, because the price for these things is
whatever the market will bear :-)

Last few 509's I have seen were priced above $200 and below $250.
Last few 405 amps with matching supplies I have seen were priced
between $125 and $175.
Last few 515's I have seen were priced above $350 and below $450,
usually including some accessories - usually the notch/cw filter

which I have seen separately sell for $40 - $75 and some other incidentals. Hope this helps, it is difficult to price something honestly when you are being conscientious - if the seller knows nothing. I would explain the price ranges myself to the seller, then offer something in the middle of the range. I have done this a few times, and the seller usually goes into the low range in appreciation....though I am prepared to pay the full prices.

Clark
WA3JPG

From qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Sat Mar 9 22:30:58 1996
From: "J. Skalski" <jskalski@acsu.buffalo.edu>
Subject: [5461] RE: fair value for argo stuff
Message-ID:
<Pine.SOL.3.91.960309182949.28663B-100000@conciliator.acsu.buffalo.edu>

I bought a 515 with PS/xtal calibrator/notch filter all in like new condition for $150. Didn't like it and sold it. An Icom 735 I think is a better value.

 When you interconnect all the little boxes ...515 /notch filter ps etc it is no longer a little rig :-)

I guess that is why cars come in so many colors and models. Everyone has their own preferences.

73,

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The Buffalo QRP CONNECTION
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From qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Sat Mar 9 22:30:58 1996
From: prvalko <prvalko@Oakland.edu>
Subject: [5462] Re: fair value for argo stuff
Message-ID: <Pine.OSF.3.91.960309185403.14936B-100000@vela.acs.oakland.edu>

On Sat, 9 Mar 1996, W. Dennis Zeares wrote:

> Once again I am asking the collective minds of the group to give me an
> idea of fair market value for a 509, and the linear amp with power
> supply, and a 515 with notch filter...

Dennis,

Did you get my private e-mail with the price info on it? I don't need
some humorless list-cops start whining to me. I'll send it again if
there is some problem.

73 =paul= wb8zjl

p.s. you also made me and 900 other subscribers pretty green with envy

From qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Sat Mar 9 22:30:58 1996
From: prvalko <prvalko@Oakland.edu>
Subject: [5437] Re: Going Prices for Argos and acc...
Message-ID: <Pine.OSF.3.91.960309010501.5716B-100000@vela.acs.oakland.edu>

On Fri, 8 Mar 1996, W. Dennis Zeares wrote:

> I need to know what would be the average going price for
> a 509, and the linear amp plus power supply...avg condition
> also a very good 515 with notch filter...
> If anyone could give me a "ballpark" figure, I need to know
> by Sunday...the guy has the stuff in the atic and I'm going
> to look at it Sunday.. Please help if possible

Sure! This fella has these near priceless (well, the 515 anyway)
antiques in the ATTIC?!? No doubt, he is totally clueless as to the
actual value! God help him if he still has the BOXES.

I'd hate to see the poor guy get ripped off, give me his name and
phone number and I'll clue him in before someone takes advantage of him.

<<< Very, VERY big grin and a wink >>>

=paul= wb8zjl
collector of TenTecs and other fine plastics

From qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Sat Mar 9 22:30:58 1996
From: KFGlynn@aol.com
Subject: [5446] Re: Narrow CW filter for IC-745
Message-ID: <960309113242_241642725@mail04.mail.aol.com>

Hello Hank,

I'm looking for a filter for my IC-728, but at abt $100 I'm going with the one-stack CW filter from Ed Wetherhold, W3NQN instead. Ed's articles are in the ARRL Handbook as well as the Radio Handbook by Bill Orr W6SAI. I called Doug DeMaw W1FB and asked him about Ed's filters. He saw his circuits while working for the ARRL and told me Ed made filters for a living. I told Doug the price ($22) and he said it's a bargain. I send Ed an sase to address below and recd a reply immediately.

Ed Wetherhold, W3NQN
1426 Catlyn Place
Annapolis, MD 21401
home: (410) 268-0916

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73 Kevin KB2TEO

From qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Sat Mar 9 22:30:58 1996
From: "David E. Shelton" <deshel01@homer.louisville.edu>
Subject: [5458] Re: Schurr Keys
Message-ID: <Pine.OSF.3.91.960309170918.15628B-100000@homer.louisville.edu>

Paul,

Tnx for the reply to my posting. I have a Vibroplex Iambic Standard version that I love and I know exactly what it is you are saying here. I use a very small spacing on the paddle contacts, this is something suggested to me by another here on this group and it is working very well so far. When the spacing is so small the mushiness does not come into play and I find the paddle to be very very nice feeling, I believe it was put like this by another, it is like playing a fine guitar. I was concerned when I received the paddle that I had no address for maintaining contact with the manufacturer in Germany. I keep an extra set of black plastic paddle for my Vibroplex Iambic and a set of contacts too. I wanted to do the same for the Schurr paddle.

The Schurr is a work of art so totally different from the Vibroplex Iambic as night and day especially in their feel. The Vibroplex is so very mechanical and solid. The Schurr is gentle and very smooth NO clattering here. I think I will definitely learn to love the differences and will definitely keep using both. I do have some serious concerns about the quality of the current Vibroplex product line. I received a Square based Brass Racer and what a disappointment that was. The workmanship just was not there.

73/72,

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From qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Sat Mar 9 22:30:58 1996
From: Monte Stark <ku7y@sage.dri.edu>
Subject: [5438] Re: Small rig....
Message-ID: <Pine.SUN.3.90.960308224525.21679F-100000@vortex.sage.dri.edu>

On Fri, 8 Mar 1996, Al Moyle wrote:

> >The bad news is that also in this issue, the Navy talks about putting
> >a new HF (2 to 30 MHz) over-the-horizon radar on their ships! Is that
> >another woodpecker on the way?
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> Hi Ron,
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> Their system was meant to be mobile, however the receiving antenna array
> was, as I recall, about 100 feet tall and 5000 to 7000 ft long. The
>

The antenna size was the big breakthrough.....don't have the article here at the house but it was just a few feet.....small enough for a row boat let alone a ship!

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73, Ron,

.....KU7Y.....ARCI #8829.....Monte "Ron" Stark.....
...ku7y@sage.dri.edu..........Washoe Lake, Nevada....
...QRP-L #17....ARRL....NorCal #330.....NRA LIFE.....

From qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Sat Mar 9 22:30:58 1996
From: "Mark A. Andrews" <ke4iof@fly.hiwaay.net>
Subject: [5439] Re: UTC [dual time ZONE watch]
Message-ID: <9603090715.AA13326@fly.HiWAAY.net>

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> On Fri, 8 Mar 1996, Pete Hardie wrote:
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> > If anyone would like more info, I have a review of sorts. If
> > anyone knows of another, true dual time ZONE watch, I'd love to
> > hear of it.
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> Well... For several years now, I've owned a Seiko Quartz World
> Timer. It's fully analog (as all real watches are) and has three
> auxiliary dials to the main "Big Hand - Little Hand" dial. The

I received a Timex Expedition for Christmas. I has dual time zones too.
It costs about $35.
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(Symetric, Incorporated)
("Anything Digital.."   )
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